

is computed each year for the 12 month period ending September 30 for applicability effective January 1 of the following year. The rate in effect for calendar year 1997 is 5 percent. As noted above, however, that rate is subject to change and filers owing interest should verify the current interest rate.

2. The interest is assessed only on the amount of the registration fee due, and begins to accrue on the 91st day following the end of the issuer's fiscal year. The amount of interest due should be calculated based on the interest rate in effect at the time the interest payment is made using the following formula:

$$I = (X) (Y) (Z/365)$$

Where:

I = Amount of interest due

X = Amount of registration fee due

Y = Applicable interest rate, expressed as a percentage

Z = Number of days by which the registration fee payment is late

#### E. Payment and Signature

1. Item 8—Identify which SEC account number (payor's CIK number) was designated to receive the payment.

2. The Form must be signed on behalf of the issuer by an authorized officer of the issuer. See rule 302 of Regulation S-T [17 CFR 232.302] regarding signatures on forms filed electronically.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

30 CFR Parts 202, 206, and 211

RIN 1010-AC02

### Amendments to Gas Valuation Regulations for Federal Leases

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of further extension of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Minerals Management Service (MMS) hereby gives notice that it is extending the public comment period for a notice requesting comments on supplemental information which was published in the **Federal Register** on April 22, 1997, (62 FR 19536). In this notice MMS withdrew its proposed rulemaking to amend the regulations for valuing natural gas produced from Federal leases and requested comments on supplemental options for natural gas valuation.

In response to requests for additional time, MMS will further extend the comment period from July 23, 1997, to September 22, 1997.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before September 22, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments or suggestions should be sent to the following addresses.

For comments sent via the U.S. Postal Service use: Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, Rules and Publications Staff, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3021, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165.

For comments via courier or overnight delivery service use: Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, Rules and Publications Staff, MS 3021, Building 85, Denver Federal Center, Room A-613, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David S. Guzy, Chief, Rules and Publications Staff, phone: (303) 231-3432, FAX: (303) 231-3385 or (303) 231-3194, e-Mail: David\_Guzy@mms.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** MMS received requests from representatives of the oil and gas industry to extend the comment period of this notice. This time extension is in response to these requests in order to provide commentators with adequate time to provide detailed comments.

Dated: July 15, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

30 CFR Part 935

[OH-241-FOR, #74]

### Ohio Regulatory Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), Interior.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** OSM is reopening the public comment period on a proposed amendment to the Ohio permanent regulatory program (hereinafter referred to as the "Ohio program") under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). The proposed amendment consists of revisions to section 150.13-6-03 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) dealing with the Small Operator Assistance Program (SOAP). The amendment is intended to revise the Ohio program to be consistent with the corresponding Federal regulations.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received by 4:00 p.m., [E.D.T.] August 4, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and requests to speak at the hearing should be mailed or hand delivered to George Rieger, Field Branch Chief, at the address listed below.

Copies of the Ohio program, the proposed amendment, a listing of any scheduled public hearings, and all written comments received in response to this document will be available for public review at the addresses listed below during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Each requester may receive one free copy of the proposed amendment by contacting OSM's Appalachian Regional Coordinating Center.

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Center, Office of Surface Mining  
Reclamation and Enforcement, 3  
Parkway Center, Pittsburgh PA 15220,  
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Reclamation, 1855 Fountain Square  
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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

George Rieger, Field Branch Chief,  
Appalachian Regional Coordinating  
Center, Telephone: (412) 937-2153.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background on the Ohio Program

On August 16, 1982, the Secretary of the Interior conditionally approved the Ohio program. Background information on the Ohio program, including the Secretary's findings, the disposition of comments, and the conditions of approval can be found in the August 10, 1982, **Federal Register** (47 FR 34688). Subsequent actions concerning conditions of approval and program amendments can be found at 30 CFR 935.11, 935.15, and 935.16.

#### II. Description of the Proposed Amendment

By letter dated October 3, 1996, (Administrative Record No. OH-2170-00) Ohio submitted a proposed amendment to its program regarding its SOAP pursuant to SMCRA. Ohio submitted the proposed amendment at its own initiative. OSM announced receipt of the proposed amendment in the October 18, 1996, **Federal Register** (61 FR 54373) and in the same document opened the public comment period and provided an opportunity for a public hearing on the adequacy of the proposed amendment. The public comment period closed on November